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Good morning Tim and Steve,

As you are aware, there have been some opinion articles published recently by the IRSAC chair, Dennis Ventry. These opinion pieces about the Free File program reflected what we believe is Mr. Ventry's opinion and not that of the IRSAC, which is preparing recommendations to IRS on ways to improve the Free File program in the future.

The IRSAC has a regularly scheduled working group session in Washington D.C. next week. While the IRSAC has had the opportunity to engage with the IRS about the Free File program in prior working sessions, we believe it would be beneficial for them to hear from you. We would like to invite you to attend the session on Wednesday, July 25 at 11:15 for one hour at our 1111 office, in the Commissioner's Conference room #3313. This is a chance for you to provide industry information about Free File that the working group can consider as it contemplates program improvement opportunities.

Also, the Commissioner has met directly with Mr. Ventry. The Commissioner explained the importance and role of the IRSAC chair position and the importance it plays in providing advice to the IRS, helping ensure the group has a shared and cohesive recommendation from all the participants. It was agreed to update The Hill article to remove the reference to the IRSAC (Mr. Ventry had taken this step prior to the meeting with the Commissioner) and not include that reference in any future articles (Mr. Ventry also took this step). Finally, the IRSAC Co-Chair – not Mr. Ventry -- will lead the future discussions and recommendations for topics related to Free-File. Mr. Ventry will recuse himself from participating or contributing to the topic of Free File.

Please let me know if you will be able to attend. Your contact for the meeting on the 25th will be John Lipold. He can be reached that day via his cell (b) (6).

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